

CHARITON COURIER.

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ALL law-abiding American people stand as a unit in a determination to drive anarchy from our country.

A BLAST in a mine near Ravia, I. T., converted a spring into an oil gusher. Indian Territory bids fair to rival Texas as an oil country.

GARDEN products of all kinds continue about as high as a cat's back, which is a good deal higher than most people's pocket-books.

THE man or woman who hereafter flaunts the red flag of anarchy in the United States will find that their name is trousers. The anarchists must go.

WE hear no stories of mammoth corn stalks and the use of stilts in gathering corn. The drouth has robbed Missouri of a good deal of her glory this year.

GOV. DOCKERY, State Treasurer Williams and Adjutant-General Dameron were among the Missouri notables who attended President McKinley's funeral at Canton, Ohio, yesterday.

THREE times within the memory of men now living has the assassin's hand stricken down the chief officer of the United States. Once for sectionalism, once for personal revenge, and now—a third time—for anarchy. Is it not time to take measures to protect our presidents?

THE Linneus Bulletin says that it is the prediction of Congressman Rucker's friends that he will have no opposition for a third term in office. The prediction is founded upon the fact that Judge Rucker is one of the most faithful and popular representatives the second district ever had.

Now that Gov. Dockery and the St. Louis Star have "opened the books" from 1865 down to 1901, the poor old Globe-Democrat is quaking in its boots, and will soon discover what a conscienceless liar it is. The editor-in-chief of the G.-D. will need a toddy to brace himself up when the result is known, but he will have to take water.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT acknowledges that he was a candidate for the presidency in 1904, but says by his unexpected elevation to that office he has been eliminated as a candidate three years hence, as he will be too busy with his official affairs to devote any time to politics. Senator Mark Hanna, who has also had a presidential bee in his bonnet for 1904, will now doubtless breathe easier since Mr. Roosevelt's announcement that he will not be an aspirant to succeed himself as president.

PROSECUTION OF CZOLGOSZ.

Justice will be swift as well as sure in the disposition of the inhuman wretch who assassinated President McKinley. As little chance as possible will be given him to feed upon the notoriety which is so consoling to his kind. If his trial could be private, that would be so much the better, but of course the forms prescribed by law must be observed. He was indicted for murder in the first degree by the county court grand jury at Buffalo, N. Y., Monday, and his conviction is a foregone conclusion, for clearer proofs of guilt have never existed.

Czolgosz was arraigned Tuesday, but stubbornly refused to plead to the charge against him, and obstinately declined to answer a single question asked him, it evidently being his intention to feign insanity. But all such dangerous characters, sane or insane, should be put out of the way for the good of humanity.

None of his anarchist friends have yet offered to employ counsel for Czolgosz and the court has appointed Lorain L. Lewis and

Robt. C. Titus, former justices of the supreme court of Buffalo, N. Y., to defend him, and the trial will be commenced next Monday.

Of course he must be tried, but it is within the province of the court to shorten the hearing by reasonable restrictions. The worst difficulty that may be apprehended is in the selection of a jury under the imperfect laws regulating criminal court procedure in the state of New York.

Assuming that Czolgosz will be promptly convicted, his sentence will be death by electrocution and he will be executed within the statutory period of a few weeks. It is the extreme penalty, yet to many it must seem inadequate, being in effect but the same fate which the ruthless wretch brought upon his distinguished victim, and inflicted in a less cruel manner. But the black-hearted assassin at a higher bar may receive an added sentence of the eternal punishment he merits.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office as president of the United States last Saturday, having been called to the highest office in the land by the assassination of President McKinley.

Mr. Roosevelt, in assuming the reins of government, announced that it would be his aim to carry out the policies mapped out by his illustrious predecessor. If this is done Roosevelt cannot go far wrong, and the country will be safe—from a Republican standpoint, at least.

We, however, have some unpleasant memories of Roosevelt, and for that reason we may be unduly prejudiced against him, having connected him with the wild and unkempt thoughts of rough-riding and coyote-shooting and mountain lion-shooting, which we have never regarded as necessary qualifications for a president—in fact, we believe they detract from the dignity of that high and responsible office.

Then, too, Mr. Roosevelt's political career has not been without its egregious mistakes, as there are some things he has said and done that have either branded him as a fool or a knave. Echo answers: Which?

During the national campaign of 1896, we believe it was, Mr. Roosevelt made the statement that "all silver men ought to be stood up in line and shot."

In 1900, while a candidate for vice-president, he gave vent to the false, slanderous and foolish remark that "all Democrats were anarchists," or words to that effect.

He well knew that he uttered an untruth when he made use of such words, but it mattered not to Roosevelt; he had given a grand stand exhibition of his bully bragadoocio, which met the approval of the bitterest and most vicious and most ignorant element of his party, and that was glory enough for him.

This plainly showed the calibre of the man.

But it may be that his weighty official responsibilities will now so load him down that he will not be permitted to spend his time in emitting fiery utterances in slandering Democrats, with an occasional shot at a "silver man" as an exciting diversion from his presidential duties.

We tremble for the welfare of our beloved country with Theodore Roosevelt as its president, and while hoping for the best we fear the worst.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S DEATH.

The death of President Wm McKinley, which occurred in the early morning of the 14th inst., caused a degree of mourning that for depth and intensity could have been caused by no other man of modern times. Had he died from natural causes the mass of thinking people would have bowed in humble submission and said: "Thy will and not ours be done." But for a great and good man in the midst of his useful-

ness at the head of the mightiest nation on earth to be struck down by a foul assassin is more than the American people can submit to without a feeling of revenge.

As dark as the pall is now that hangs over our fair land from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the great lakes to the gulf, and which permeates other lands and well, we believe it has a silver lining.

These people who have come to us from other shores, whose very names show they are un-American, and would murder every official in the land, will be made to "roost low" after this. Czolgosz, Wm. McKinley's assassin, will be electrocuted as the law directs, and no more of his ilk will be permitted to come among us, while those already here should be driven away or imprisoned for life, as a means of security to our republican institutions.

The truth of the business is, our nation's doors have heretofore been opened too wide to immigration. While millions of foreigners have come among us and made good citizens and fully imbibed the spirit of our institutions and have supported and upheld them as readily as our natives, others have come with a hate of rulers rankling in their breasts that incites them to murder as they have opportunity and pretend to think they are doing right.

If they understood the principles of our government they would know we have no rulers in this country except the people, and that is one reason these fellows should not be permitted to gain a foot-hold upon our soil.

It is true Czolgosz claims to be a native of the United States, but if this be the case it only shows that the brood hatched by anarchists in this country has not improved by being raised among our people.

The largest funeral cortege ever assembled in the United States gathered in Canton, Ohio, yesterday to pay the last tribute of respect to President McKinley, the distinguished statesman, gentleman and scholar, while millions more wept at their homes.

Being a Christian man of strong convictions, Mr. McKinley rests well. There will be peace to his ashes, and green will be his memory in the heart of every true American.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. B. L. Singleton of this city has been seriously indisposed during the past week, but is now convalescent, we are glad to learn.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give an oyster supper at the Brown house this (Friday) evening. All are invited to come and fish for the oyster in the soup.

We are sorry to learn that the Salisbury steam laundry, owned by A. T. Gallemore, was destroyed by fire Wednesday evening. We sympathize with Mr. Gallemore in his misfortune. The Murphy & Simms livery barn was only saved by hard work.

By a slip of the pen, or a reflex action of the brain, the COURIER stated last week that our fellow-townsmen, Capt. R. M. Scott, was at Independence attending the old Confederate re-union. We should have said the old Mexican Veterans' re-union.

Deputy County Clerk C. C. Parks has purchased a fine 240-acre farm of T. C. Patterson situated eight or nine miles south-east of Salisbury. The consideration was \$5,500. We hope Charlie will pardon us for regarding him as a suspicious character, matrimonially speaking.

New Divorce Suits.

Notwithstanding the approach of winter there have already been seven divorce suits docketed for the ensuing November, 1901, term

of circuit court, which meets at Keytesville the third Monday in November. Four of these have already been published in the COURIER. The three which have not yet been made known to the public are:

BLACKWELL VS. BLACKWELL.

Mrs. Nannie Blackwell of near Salisbury, after a married life of nearly 14 years, will seek a legal separation from her husband, John Blackwell, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and non-support. Besides her prayer for a decree of divorce Mrs. Blackwell will also ask that the court grant her the care and custody of the six children born of said marriage, to-wit: Annie, Donnie, Georgie, Josie, Joseph and Fannie, ranging in age from 12 to 2 years. Plaintiff in her petition further states that the defendant owns real estate to the reasonable value of \$4,000 and personal property worth from \$1,200 to \$1,500, and she requests the court to award her temporary alimony in a sufficient amount to enable her to prosecute this suit and support herself and children until the same is determined, and, on final decree, to allow her alimony in gross in such sum as the court may deem proper, etc. Hon. A. W. Johnson of Salisbury is Mrs. Blackwell's attorney.

POTTER VS. POTTER.

General Potter of near Sumner, who was married to Miss Emma Grinstead September 29, 1892, has found marriage a failure, having lived separate and apart from his wife since the 1st of July, 1901. The plaintiff alleges that Mrs. Potter on many occasions refused to prepare his meals, thus forcing him to do his own cooking or else go to his work without anything to eat. Plaintiff also states that defendant would get angry with him and call him vile names, such as "old

dog," and would use other vile and opprobrious epithets about, to and concerning plaintiff until finally she, without any just cause, abandoned plaintiff July 1, 1901, and has ever since remained away from his home. Therefore plaintiff longs to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted with defendant, and that the court also grant him the care and custody of their two minor children, both females, aged 6 and 2 years, respectively. Mr. Potter has employed Attorney U. A. House of Sumner to prosecute his suit.

HAYES VS. HAYES.

Tobe Hayes, a gentleman of color who lives near Forest Green, has found that connubial bliss has not proven blissful, at least in his case, and he hopes to obtain relief from his matrimo-

nial encumbrance in the person of his wife, Ida Hayes, to whom he was married December 18, 1893, and who shared his joys and sorrows until the 6th day of September, 1900. As a just and righteous cause of indignation as well as ample reasons for his being given a divorce, the plaintiff avers that the defendant committed adultery with one Robt. Heryford, col., the 20th of August, 1900, and contracted something that would not look well in print. In addition to his expressed desire for a divorce from his faithless spouse, Hayes also asks the court to issue an order granting him the care and custody of their two minor children, a boy and a girl, born of said marriage, one of whom is now 6 and the other 5 years of age. L. N. Dempsey of Keytesville is Hayes' legal adviser.

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